

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:
~~according to claim 12,~~

a main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina; and,

an anchoring body, wherein said anchoring body selectively rests within at least one receiving site located on the main body allowing the anchoring body to be attached to the main body when resting within the at least one receiving site and removed from the main body when detached from the at least one receiving site;

wherein the main body is a ring shaped main body sized and shaped to apply appropriate pressure on lateral vaginal walls for treating pelvic organ prolapse,

characterized in that the ring shaped main body is flexible, the device being foldable at least three different points or along at least two axes, such that insertion of the main body does not have to be precise and that the ring shaped main body naturally settles into the appropriate rotational position for prolapse treatment taking a pre-defined multi-planar shape; and further comprising,

an applicator enclosing the ring shaped main body for inserting said ring shaped main body into a vagina.

2. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said multi-planar main body extends in three axes.

3. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a device displacer.

4. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to enhance comfort.

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.

6. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the soft external layer is comprised of sponge rubber.

7. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said apparatus is at least partially flexible, said apparatus flexible in response to forces applied to it while in the vagina and during removal.

8. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 which is disposable.

9. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said main body is adapted to not directly compress a urethra after insertion.

10. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body is provided with a varying degree of stiffness along its length enabling the main body to assume the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

11. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the ring shaped main body elastically expands into the predefined multi-planar shape upon insertion.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:
a main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina; and,

an anchoring body, wherein said anchoring body selectively rests within at least one receiving site located on the main body allowing the anchoring body to be attached to the main body when resting within the at least one receiving site and removed from the main body when detached from the at least one receiving site

wherein said anchoring body is selected from a group consisting of ring shaped, ovoid and multi-sided.

13. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

14. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising a device displacer.

15. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

17. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 which is disposable.

18. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said main body is deformable upon the application of a removal force towards an opening of said vagina.

19. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12 further comprising an applicator adapted for insertion of said apparatus.

20 - 22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the main body is a thin main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina, which main body is deformable at least three points thereon.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said main body is non-planar, extending along three axes.

25. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

26. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising a soft external layer located on at least a portion of said main body, said soft external layer adapted to prevent necrosis.

27. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said apparatus is adapted to be flexible in response to force applied on said apparatus while in said vagina and during removal from said vagina.

28. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 23 which is disposable.

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~according to claim 23~~ for treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

a main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina; and,

an anchoring body, wherein said anchoring body selectively rests within at least one receiving site located on the main body allowing the anchoring body to be attached to the main body when resting within the at least one receiving site and removed from the main body when detached from the at least one receiving site;

wherein the main body is a thin main body adapted to provide pelvic organ support when inserted into a vagina, which main body is deformable at least three points thereon and wherein said apparatus does not directly compress a urethra upon insertion.

30-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) A method of treating pelvic organ prolapse, comprising:

inserting into a vagina an apparatus comprising a first main body portion and a second anchoring portion for treating pelvic organ prolapse;

positioning said apparatus within said vagina wherein said apparatus exhibits a non-planar configuration after said insertion, wherein said positioning does not apply direct pressure to a urethra;

anchoring the apparatus within the vagina using the second anchoring portion;
and,

removing said apparatus from said vagina by removing the second anchoring portion from at least one receiving site on the first main body portion to reduce the profile of the apparatus.

34. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 wherein inserting is facilitated by using an applicator.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 wherein said removing is facilitated by a device displacer adapted to impart movement to said apparatus.

37. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 33 further comprising disposing of said apparatus.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one receiving site is deformable.

40. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one receiving site is a hole through the main body.

41. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one receiving site is an indentation on the main body.

42. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one receiving site is located on the inner circumference of the main body.